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**5 SEP 1961**

**MEMORANDUM FOR: The Deputy Secretary of Defense**

**SUBJECT : Supplement to Forecast of CIA Air Activities  
for September 1961**

1. Because of the sensitivity of satellite reconnaissance activities, it is considered essential that the information contained herein and relating to Project CORONA be submitted apart from the above referenced summary of CIA air activities and be given special handling.

2. Planned Discoverer operations for the month of September are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
8 September	CORONA	Photo Intelligence
15 September	CORONA	Photo Intelligence
28 September	ARGON	Geodetic Data

3. As in the case of all aerial reconnaissance activities, dates set forth are tentative and subject to change because of technical and/or operational considerations.

4. Although three Discoverer firings were forecast for the month of August, only two were accomplished; a CORONA shot on 3 August which failed to go into orbit and a CORONA shot on 30 August which successfully attained orbit and, as of this date, is scheduled for recovery on 1 or 2 September. The third scheduled shot slipped into September.

(Signed) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.

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